# Update: For PMO Awareness: Trucking Protests

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Good afternoon,

For PMO awareness, please see below a summary of the various protests CBSA is tracking through their operational channels and social media monitoring.

Overview:

- * As of January 21, 2022, the Regions are currently monitoring **eight** upcoming truck convoy/protests: 1 in Pacific Region, 3 in Prairie Region, 2 in SOR Region, 2 in Quebec Region. A handful of these protests appear to be affiliated under the names of “Convoy for Freedom 2022” and #BearHug2.0, as posted on a Canada-Unity.com website.
    - * Three of these protests (one each from PAC, SOR, and QC) are intended to culminate in Ottawa. A small number of these protests/convoys have significant public support via public funding and social media.
- * The BOC and Communications are also monitoring social media and reports of truckers and other drivers driving slower than normal (“slow rolls”) in order to hold up traffic and cause delays, in support of truck convoys and protests.

Breakdown by protest:

- * PAC: The “Convoy for Freedom 2022” will depart B.C. on January 23, 2022, and will make its way to Ottawa. This convoy has received substantial public support including over $500,000 on a GoFundMe page.
- * ATL: The region is currently monitoring potential convoy protests with three routes specific to the Atlantic Region: St. Johns to Port aux Basques (Newfoundland), Stratford (P.E.I) to Moncton (NB); and Enfield (NS) to Rivière-du-Loup (NB). The convoy in NL appears to coincide with rallies planned near the Confederation Building in St. John's, NL, Exploits Mall in Grand Falls-Windsor, NL and the City Hall in Corner Brook, NL.
- * Coutts POE (PRA): An Instagram movement called “Lockdown Coutts Border” is starting a protest on January 29, 2022 and will remain in the area of the POE until all mandates and

restrictions are lifted. Information gathered suggests that trucks and vehicles will block access in both directions. The Region is enacting their action plan tomorrow to handle any disruptions.

- * Emerson POE (PRA): A potential protest is set to occur on January 23, 2022 and will end on January 24, 2022, which will include a “slow roll” down the highway to Winnipeg Legislative Building.
- * North Portal POE (PRA): On January 22, 2022, a truck convoy/protest called the “Freedom Convoy Support” is planned at the North Portal POE. The POE is prepared for possible increased wait times and all partners (RCMP, USCBP, PHAC, and internal) have been briefed.
- * Sarnia (SOR): OPP has confirmed that a truck protest entitled “BearHug 2.0” in the Sarnia area will start January 23, 2022 and will end on January 26, 2022. This protest will likely run from dawn until dusk daily and organizers have emphasized that they would like the protest to be peaceful and lawful. This is affiliated with the “Convoy for Freedom 2022” protest.
- * Windsor (SOR): OPP has confirmed that a truck protest will start on January 23, 2022 at 10h00 and will end on January 26, 2022 when the protest departs for Ottawa. This is affiliated with the “Convoy for Freedom 2022” protest.
- * St. Bernard-de-Lacolle (QC): Two trucker protests are scheduled for Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle this weekend, one on January 22 (appears to be a practice run) and one on January 23. The number of participants is unknown. Both are scheduled from 09h00-12h00 and said to be organized by citizens.
- * Various (QC): On January 28, 2022, truckers will be meeting at 3 POEs (Saint-Theophile, Stanstead, and Saint-Bernard-de-Lacolle), and will drive on Highway 40 until Vankleek Hill (ON), and will move onward to Ottawa on January 29, 2022. Unclear if this is related to the “Convoy for Freedom 2022” but appears to be.

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Good Afternoon,

For PMO awareness, flagging that CBSA has heard regionally that there may be approximately 18 cattle trucks arriving at the Coutts port of entry (POE) on January 20, 2022 for the purpose of creating a blockage in protest of the latest rules related to the industry.

In addition, there are social media reports of a trucking protest being planned at the port of North Portal Saskatchewan on January 22, 2022 (see attached). The intent appears to be a convoy to Ottawa as well as a local convoy support that will be present in North Portal.

These may result in border wait times. We will keep you posted on any impacts.

I would also like to flag the below, which is a news release sent out by the CTA, on January 19, 2022, which provides a clear statement opposing the protests and unlawful actions in regards to the vaccine mandate for truckers.

**Canadian Trucking Alliance Statement on Road/Border Protests**

(TORONTO, Jan.19, 2022) -- The Canadian Trucking Alliance (CTA) does not support and strongly disapproves of any protests on public roadways, highways and bridges. CTA believes such actions – especially those that interfere with public safety – are not how disagreement with government policies should be expressed.

Members of the trucking industry who want to publicly express displeasure over government policies can choose to hold an organized, lawful event on Parliament Hill and not disrupt the travelling public. To learn more about this process, click here: http://hill-colline.parl.ca/en/.

Otherwise, those who want to express disagreement responsibly can also participate in online petitions and write or speak to their local MPs. Click here for info: https://www.ourcommons.ca/en/contact-us

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